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Title : Fuel Injection Valve

**REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF CERTIFIED  
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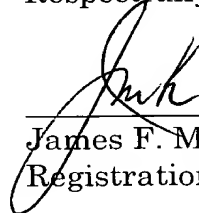
Sir:

In the Notice of Allowance dated February 18, 2005, the Examiner stated that Applicant could not claim priority based on Japanese application no. 9-324450, filed on November 26, 1997, because the instant application was filed more than twelve months thereafter. Applicant would like to point out, however, that the instant application is a continuation of Application Serial No. 09/199,456, now Patent No. 6,092,743, which was filed on November 25, 1998. Accordingly, the claim of priority in the instant application is proper and has been perfected, as it is noted that a certified copy of the priority document was filed in the '456 application on that same date. Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Examiner issue a Supplemental Notice of Allowability acknowledging receipt of the priority document.

If there are any questions regarding this request or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

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Respectfully submitted,



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